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SUBJECT: REMITTANCES FOR FILM ROYALTIES AND PAYMENTS

1. EMB HAS RECEIVED LETTER FROM MR. S. FREDERICK GRONICH, MOTION PICTURE EXPORT ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE AT PARIS, WHO REPORTS THAT ONE OF MEMBER COMPANIES STATES THAT CENTRAL BANK OF TURKEY MAY BE IMPOSING SOME REGULATIONS WHICH WOULD DELAY REMITTANCES OF FILM ROYALTIES AND PAYMENTS FOR FILM PRINTS AND ACCESSORIES. MPEAA ASKS EMB TO DETERMINE WHAT IS SITUATION.

2. SENIOR CENTRAL BANK OFFICIAL INFORMED EMB JUNE 24 THAT FILM COMPANIES IN TURKEY PREVIOUSLY HAD BEEN REQUESTING APPROVAL FOR TRANSFER OF PAYMENTS FOR IMPORT OF FILMS. RECENTLY IT WAS NOTED THAT THESE APPLICATIONS INDICATED CERTAIN SUMS WERE FOR PAYMENT OF ROYALTIES AND CERTAIN SUMS FOR PAYMENTS OF IMPORT OF PRINTS. THIS PRESENTED CENTRAL BANK WITH PROBLEM, AS REMITTANCE OF ROYALTIES COVERED BY OTHER PROCEDURES THAN THOSE UNDER WHICH APPLICATION FOR REMITTANCES COVERING IMPORTS MADE. CENTRAL BANK HAS ASKED MINISTRY OF FINANCE FOR GUIDANCE IN HANDLING THESE APPLICATIONS, CAUSING DELAY IN APPROVAL OF SOME REMITTANCES.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: CONGEN ISTANBUL REQUESTED DISCUSS MATTER WITH LOCAL IMPORTERS OF U.S. FILMS TO CONFIRM WHETHER SITUATION IS AS DESCRIBED BY CENTRAL BANK. FYI--MR. ZEKI BASARAN, BASARANLAS KONAK SINEMACILIK FILMCILIK LTD., VALI KONAGI CADDESI, 41/2 HARBIYE, ISTANBUL, APPARENTLY BROUGHT ABOVE SITUATION TO ATTENTION OF MPEAA. END FYI. EMB WILL DISCUSS UNCLASSIFIED

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